

# CITY OF NEW BRITAIN



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MEDIA ADVISORY

**NEW BRITAIN SEWER RATES SET TO INCREASE**

On May 5, 2014 the New Britain Board of Public Works, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, held a required Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Sewer User Fee rates. At its meeting immediately following the Public Hearing, the Board of Public Works approved the sewer user rate of \$3.40 per one hundred cubic feet of metered water usage (ccf) that will be in effect for the July 1, 2014 bills.

This is an increase of fifty-six cents per ccf from the current rate of \$2.84 per ccf. This increase is due to additional expenses, primarily driven by an 18% increase in fees paid to the Mattabasset District Water Pollution Control Facility. 57% of the city's total sewer budget for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year is comprised of the Mattabasset District's annual fee of \$4,891,868.

The Mattabasset District's fee increase is due to a facility enhancement for Nitrogen Upgrade (Tertiary Treatment) and expansion of the plant which will increase permitted capacity from 20 million gallons/day to 35 million gallons/day. The project started May 2012 and will be completed in the summer of 2015. The total projected cost is \$95,500,000. The District will become the 3rd largest facility in the state.

The Mattabasset District is located at 245 Main Street Cromwell, CT. Their phone number is 860-635-5550 and email address [info@mattdist.org](mailto:info@mattdist.org).

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Gil Bligh, Director of the New Britain Water Department, at (860) 826-3535.